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LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, WB

SUBJECT: EXFILTRATION BY US FORCES PERSONNEL

1. FOUR EAST BERLIN RESIDENTS WERE DISCOVERED CONCEALED INSIDE CABINETS IN USAREUR-PLATED VOLKSWAGEN BUS AT 1740 LOCAL DECEMBER 15 IN COURSE OF ROUTINE CHECK CONDUCTED IN CONCEALED AREA ADJACENT TO CHECKPOINT CHARLIE AFTER VEHICLE HAD EXITED FROM EAST BERLIN. THREE BERLIN BRIGADE SOLDIERS IN VEHICLE AT TIME, INCLUDING OWNER, WERE APPREHENDED AND QUESTIONED BY MILITARY POLICE, BUT EACH CHOSE TO EXERCISE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT AND REFUSED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT. THEY WERE RELEASED TO CUSTODY OF UNIT, AND VEHICLE WAS IMPOUNDED.

2. THE REFUGEES--A DOCTOR, HIS WIFE AND SMALL CHILD, AND ANOTHER UNRELATED WOMAN--WERE HANDED OVER TO MARIENFELDE REFUGEE CENTER FOR INTERVIEWING AND PROCESSING. ONLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THUS FAR

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UNCOVERED IS THAT REFUGEES WERE ALLEGEDLY PICKED UP

BY "FRENCH CAR" (NOT KNOWN WHETHER MANUFACTURE OR  
REGISTRATION) AT WEIHNACHTSFEST ON ALEXANDERPLATZ,  
AND WERE DRIVEN AROUND FOR SOME TIME BEFORE BEING  
TRANSFERRED TO USAREUR-PLATED VOLKSWAGEN ON SMALL SIDE  
STREET.

3. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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